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BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYEES SET NEW COMPANY CONSTRUCTION SAFETY RECORD AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE

Aiken, S.C., (August 28) – Bechtel Savannah River Construction employees achieved their first-ever safety milestone of 12 million safe hours without a lost-time injury resulting in days away from work.

“Our workforce takes the approach that safety is everyone’s responsibility, and I’m proud that our employees work so hard to keep themselves and their co-workers safe,” said Bill Elkins, Director of Projects, Design and Construction Services. “Our workers know how to work safely, and they continue to set the standard for safety excellence in the industry.”

The milestone was reached on August 25.

Twelve million safe hours is equivalent to 6,000 employees working without a major injury in the construction industry for one year. An average construction firm in the United States usually experiences 192 lost-time accidents in 12 million hours worked.

Earlier this year, Bechtel Construction celebrated a dual safety milestone—11 million safe hours without a lost-time injury resulting in days away from work and five consecutive years without a lost-time injury.

“Our construction employees continue to display excellent safety work habits and, as a result, have reached a major safety achievement,” said Westinghouse Savannah River Company President Bob Pedde. “These employees continue to challenge unsafe work conditions and at-risk behaviors, making SRS safe for everyone.”

The WSRC Team operates and manages SRS for the U.S. Department of Energy. Bechtel Savannah River Inc., a partnering company with the WSRC Team, is responsible for project management, engineering, construction and environmental restoration activities.

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